EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT



CALIFORNIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, AGE OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORK PLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

Housing Construction Inspector

Open Exam for Sacramento/Los Angeles

Who Should Apply

This examination is open to anyone who meets the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination".

How to Apply

Examination Applications (STD 678) are available and may be filed in person or by mail with the:

California Housing Finance Agency 1121 L Street, 7th Floor Attn: Exam Analyst Sacramento, CA 95814

Please mark your envelope: Confidential

Do Not submit your application to the State Personnel Board.

Final Filing Date

March 13, 2001 is the final filing date. Completed applications (Form 678) must be postmarked no later than the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason.

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box on the Examination Application (STD 678). You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

Note: All applications must include "to" and "from" employment dates (month/day/year), timebase, and official employment titles for each position held. Applications received without this information will be rejected.

Monthly Salary Range

\$4847-5891

Qualifications Appraisal

It is anticipated that interviews will be held in April or May 2001.

Note: Applicants are required to bring a photo ID or two forms of identification to each phase of the exam process.

Requirements for Admittance to the Examination Note: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this exam by the final filing date.

Experience: Broad and extensive (more than five years) responsible supervision of multifamily, commercial, or industrial construction, preferably in the role of superintendent for a large construction company. (Experience in California state service applied toward this requirement must have included at least one year in a class at a level of responsibility at least equivalent to that of Construction Supervisor I.) and

Education: Equivalent to graduation from college. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

Position Description and Location

A Housing Construction Inspector, California Housing Finance Agency monitors and inspects construction of multiunit rental projects for conformance with construction documents; reviews and authorizes payment of monthly requisitions for construction; evaluates construction quality; contractor competence and production timing for all CHFA-financed construction; negotiates necessary changes in construction; supervises, coordinates, and certifies to initial and final punch lists for direct loan construction; may approve change order requests; obtains and verifies Certificate of Occupancy required by local authorities; prepares reports of inspections and evaluations of progress.

Positions exist with the California Housing Finance Agency in Sacramento and Los Angeles.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR EXAMINATION CODE: 10199CV

IT80-4556 FINAL FILE DATE: MARCH 14, 2001

Examination Information

This examination will consist of a qualifications appraisal interview only. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained.

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL - WEIGHTED 100%

Competitors who do not appear for the qualifications appraisal interview will be disqualified.

Scope

In addition to evaluating the competitor's relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis in the examining interview will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each competitor's:

Knowledge of:

- Purposes, policies and operations of the California Housing Finance Agency.
- Methods, practices and skills of all construction building trades.
- All forms of rental housing construction.
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and equipment used in residential construction.
- State, Federal and local codes and laws relating to housing construction in California.
- Federal, State and local safety codes.

Ability to:

- Perform new construction cost estimates adequate to improve monthly draw requests.
- Read and interpret blueprints, building plans and specifications.
- Prepare and monitor progress under planned critical path.
- Analyze and approve field work orders.
- Detect deviations from plans and specifications by inspection.
- Write clear and comprehensive reports.

Special Personal Characteristic

Tact and keenness of observation: honesty; and willingness to travel and work irregular hours.

Eligible List

The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

Veterans' Preference Credits

Credits will be added to the final score of those competitors who are successful in this examination, and who qualify for, and have requested these points. Due to changes in the law, which were effective January 1, 1996, veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive veterans' credits.

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the California Housing Finance Agency - Exam Analyst (916) 322-1370 three days prior to the written last date if he/she has

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If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available from the State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the Department noted on the front.

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The State Personnel Board reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order:

1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

Promotional Examinations Only: Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment. Under certain circumstances other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2 and 237 contain provisions regarding civil services status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices or at the Information Counter of State Personnel Board offices.

Veterans Preference: California law allows granting of veterans preference points in open entrance examinations and open nonpromotional examinations. Credit in open entrance examinations is granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows and widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100% disabled veterans; and 15 points for disabled veterans. Credit in **open nonpromotional** examinations is granted as follows: 5 points for veterans, and 10 points for disabled veterans. If you established your veteran's eligibility with the State Personnel Board before August 21, 1994, you must **reapply.** Due to changes in the law, effective January 1, 1996, veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive veterans' credits. Directions for applying for veterans preference points are on the veteran preference application form (Form 1093) which is available from State Personnel Board offices, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

Career Credits: In open, nonpromotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) State employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the State who are exempt from State civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served on full year in or are graduates of the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 25 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the exam. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code Section 3513. Competitors not currently employed in State civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the Examination Application for STD 678. (Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.)

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

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